

In the Claims:

Please substitute the following amended claims 1 and 3 for claims 1 and 3, presently on file:

1. (currently amended) In a towed implement including a frame having opposite sides spaced transversely from each other relative to a path of travel of said implement, an axle extending over an entire width of said implement and having opposite ends respectively extending transversely beyond said opposite sides, a pair of ground wheels respectively mounted to said opposite ends of said axle, the improvement comprising: a suspension for said axle including first and second arms having rear ends respectively releasably rigidly fixed to said axle at locations inward of said pair of ground wheels; first and second coupling assemblies respectively mounting said first and second arms to said frame and respectively including first and second spherical bearings for normally establishing a horizontal transverse pivot axis about which said first and second arms may pivot vertically but also for permitting said spherical bearings ~~bearing elements~~ to move into positions for establishing a pivot axis that is not parallel to said horizontal transverse pivot axis without introducing bending loads into said spherical bearings ~~bearing elements~~.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The towed implement, as defined in claim 1, wherein each rear end of said first and second arms includes an end ~~flange on an end~~ ~~remote from the associated one of said first and second coupling assemblies~~; each said end flange including a recess receiving said axle; and a plate disposed on an opposite side of said axle from each end flange, that is releasably clamped to said end flange and thereby securing said axle to said first and second arms.

4. (previously amended) The towed implement, as defined in claim 1, wherein said first and second arms are each symmetrical, from top to bottom about a transverse plane extending along a respective longitudinal axis of said arms, whereby they may be exchanged with each other when assembling them to said axle.

5. (original) The towed implement, as defined in claim 1, and further including first and second cushioning elements respectively mounted between said frame and said arms in locations for cushioning vertical pivotal movement of said first and second arms.

6. (previously amended) The towed implement, as defined in claim 1, wherein said frame and said arms carry respective elements adapted for being coupled together so as to substantially prevent movement of said axle relative to said frame; and an interconnecting structure being provided for selectively coupling said respective elements together.

7. (previously amended) The towed implement, as defined in claim 6, wherein said respective elements comprise first and second upper pins respectively fixed to opposite sides of said frame, and first and second lower pins respectively fixed to said first and second arms at respective locations spaced vertically below said first and second upper pins; and said interconnecting structure being first and second brackets respectively provided at said opposite sides of said frame, with said first and second brackets respectively including first and second upper holes respectively receiving said first and second upper pins, and first and second lower holes respectively receiving said first and second lower pins.

8. (previously amended) The towed implement, as defined in claim 1, wherein said frame includes a secondary axle extending transversely in parallel relationship to said first-mentioned axle and being fixed to said opposite sides of said frame; and said first and second coupling assemblies being respectively coupled to opposite ends of said secondary axle.